

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE  
RAJYA SABHA  
QUESTION NO 04.12.2009  
ANSWERED ON**

**POTENTIAL TO EXPORT FRUITS AND VEGETABLES .**

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Will the Minister of COALCOALAGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether there has been a substantial increase in the production of fruits and vegetables in the country;
- (b) if so, in what ways the fruits and vegetables produced in the country are utilized;
- (c) whether any possibility has been explored by Government to increase the export of fruits and vegetables; and
- (d) if so, the performance in that regard during the last three years, year-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. There has been increase in production of both fruits and vegetables in recent years as per following details:

(Quantity :Million Tonnes)

Commodity 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09

(3rd Advance)

Fruits 59.56 65.60 69.45

Vegetable 115.01 129.26 133.07

Source: National Horticulture Board (NHB)

Fruits and vegetables are utilized for table consumption, processing into value added products, exports etc.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) in the Ministry of Commerce has been promoting export of fruits through several measures such as infrastructure development; setting up of Agri Export Zones; opening up new markets for export; participation in international trade fairs and providing financial assistance to exporters for several activities. Other steps include integrated training programmes for quality & productivity of selected fruits and setting up pilot facilities for disinfestations etc. to meet specific quarantine requirements of importing countries.

The details of export of fruits and vegetables during the last three years is

as

below:

(Quantity-in Metric Tonnes and Value - Rs. in lakh)

Year Fruits Vegetable

2006-07 347660 871.88 1655198 159645

2007-08 365733 91185 1358841 152527

2008-09 NA 245374 NA 194531

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS)